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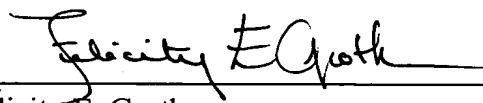
**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Upon entry of this amendment, claims 77-140 will be pending in this application. Claims 77-80 are directed to gene-targeted, non-human mammals heterozygous or homozygous a human mutation of the presenilin-1 gene and heterozygous or homozygous for an endogenous amyloid precursor protein gene having a human FAD Swedish mutation and a humanized A $\beta$  nucleotide sequence. Claims 77-80 are supported by the specification, for example, at page 18, lines 10-13. Claims 125-140 are supported by the specification, for example, at page 10, line 14, to page 12, line 28. Claims 1-76 are canceled without prejudice. The specification also is amended to reflect the claim of priority of the present application. No new matter is introduced by way of this amendment.

Applicants submit that the specification is in condition for examination on its merits and that the present claims meet all the requirements for patentability. The Examiner is respectfully requested to allow all the present claims. If the Examiner is of a contrary view, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at (215) 557-5908.

Respectfully submitted,

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